

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Dave Lewis, on January 27, 2011 at 5:00 P.M., in Room 317
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present: None

Members Excused:

- Sen. Dave Lewis, Chairman (R)
- Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chairman (R)
- Sen. Taylor Brown (R)
- Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
- Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
- Sen. Jim Keane (D)
- Sen. Jon Sonju (R)
- Sen. Edward Walker (R)
- Sen. David E. Wanzonried (D)
- Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Absent:

- Sen. Debby Barrett (R)
- Sen. John Brenden (R)
- Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)
- Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
- Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
- Sen. Llew Jones (R)
- Sen. Alan Olson (R)
- Sen. Jason Priest (R)
- Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 57, 1/24/2011; SB 215, 1/24/2011

HEARING ON SB 215

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:09 Sen. Steven Gallus (D), SD 37, opened the hearing on SB 215, Reduce state
mark up on liquor based upon percent of Montana ingredients.
00:01:11 Sen. Buttrey, Sen. Caferro, Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Sonju now present.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:38 John McKee
[EXHIBIT\(fcs21a01\)](#)
00:10:53 Sen. Barrett now present
00:11:30 Robin Blazer, Willie's Distillery

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

00:16:22 Shauna Helfert, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:17:14 Sen. Zinke
00:17:34 Ms. Helfert, DOR
00:19:00 Sen. Zinke
00:20:00 Mr. McKee
00:20:47 Sen. Zinke
00:21:20 Mr. McKee
00:22:39 Sen. Brown
00:23:02 Mr. McKee
00:23:04 Sen. Brown
00:23:11 Mr. McKee
00:23:34 Sen. Williams, Sen. Brenden now present
00:24:02 Sen. Brown
00:24:24 Mr. McKee
00:25:36 Sen. Hawks
00:26:43 Mr. McKee
00:28:48 Sen. Hawks
00:29:19 Mr. McKee

Closing by Sponsor:

00:30:50 Sen. Gallus
00:32:40 Chairman Lewis

00:33:13 Sen. Gallus
00:33:33 Chairman Lewis

Discussion of Process Issue SB 57:

00:33:54 Sen. Wanzenried
00:34:47 Chairman Lewis
00:35:11 Sen. Wanzenried
00:35:44 Chairman Lewis
00:36:49 Sen. Vuckovich

HEARING ON SB 57

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:37:17 Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 57, Enhance penalty for consumer protection violations.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:40:29 Ali Bovingdon, Department of Justice (DOJ)
[EXHIBIT\(fcs21a02\)](#)
00:44:22 Joy Bruck, State President, AARP Montana
[EXHIBIT\(fcs21a03\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:45:44 Bruce Spencer, Montana Automobile Association
[EXHIBIT\(fcs21a04\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:48:49 Sen. Barrett
00:49:13 Ms. Bovingdon
00:49:30 Sen. Barrett
00:49:40 Ms. Bovington
00:50:21 Sen. Barrett
00:50:39 Ms. Bovington

Closing by Sponsor:

00:51:31 Sen. Vuckovich
00:51:53 Chairman Lewis

Discussion of Process Issue SB 57

00:52:22	Sen. Keane
00:52:30	Chairman Lewis
00:53:02	Sen. Williams
00:53:39	Chairman Lewis
00:54:14	Sen. Williams
00:54:22	Chairman Lewis

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:00 p.m.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fcs21aad.pdf](#))